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EDITORIAL OPINION

WAYS TO DESTROY YOUR TOWN

(The Dawson, Ga., News)

Here are 13 sure ways to ruin your home town. They were compiled by the Sedalia, Mo., Democrat. An interesting game is to figure how many of the ways apply to our own lives or to our fellow townsmen.

Don't pay taxes. Let the other fellow pay his. Vote against taxes. Then fuss because the streets are not kept up.

Never attend any of the meetings called for the good of the town If you do, don't have anything to say. Wait until you get outside and then cuss those who made the suggestions. Find fault with everything that was done.

Get all the city will give you and don't give anything in return. Write unsigned letters to the editor demanding more for your tax money.

Talk cooperation, but don't do any work for your city unless you get paid for it. And by all means refuse to serve unless they make you chairman.

Never accept an office. It's easier to criticize than to do things. Accuse anybody who serves in an elected office of being a publicity seeker. (Or a crook).

Don't do any more than you have to do.When others willingly and unselfishly give their time to make a town better, howl because that town is run by a clique.

Don't back your fire department or your police department. If the firemen work to bring the insurance rates down, tell everybody that is what they are supposed to do. Don't thank them or the policeman for endangering their lives that you might have a safer town in which to live. Demand special treatment raise cain if anybody expects you to obey traffic and parking laws.

Look at every proposition in a selfish way. If you are not the one who gets the most good out of it vote against it. Never consider what it will do for the town as a whole.

Don't do anything for the youth of the town. Criticize them as potential delinquents. Keep your feet on them. Encourage them to move away when they grow up.

If you have good town leaders don't follow them. Take a jealous attitude and talk down everything they do.

Don't work on any committee. Tell them, "I'm too busy."

Don't say anything good about your town. Be the first to point up its shortcomings. Pretend that if trouble comes your way it will be residents of some other town who will visit you while you are ill; bring in their fire department if your home is burning; comfort you if you lose a dear one; stand back of you in disaster.

And don't support your local retail stores and industries. Claim the prices and service in stores of other towns are better. Claim industry and its payroll hurts the town. But if you need a donation ask your local stores and industries for it. Expect them to back you but don't back them.

If these 13 steps don't ruin your town, it isn't your fault.

TOLL TELEVISION

(From New York Times)

The Federal Communications Commission has taken a wise step in ordering the beginning of consideration, next May 9, of one of the thorniest problems ever to face this administrative body, the problem of toll television. There are obviously important questions of fact and of law which the F. C. C. must decide, and it can reach decisions only after all groups involved, including the great mass of us who are simply called "the public" have been heard.

There is bitter and understandable conflict between those who urge and those who oppose television transmissions which we at home could receive only by payment for specific programs. Those supporting this argue that the economics of television are such that we are doomed to an over-all level of mediocrity so long as television must exist on its present economic base advertising. If we are willing to pay for specific programs, however, we are told, we can have brought into our homes the finest entertainment, sports and cultural events available anywhere.

Opposed to this view are other groups, some of them influenced by the fact that toll television might well destroy many millions of dollars of present invested capital. But on a more general plane the argument is made that no private interests, such as those who propose to operate toll television, have the right to profit from the publicly owned airwaves by charging the public for receiving programs over these airwaves.

Clearly the issues involved are of the utmost importance for many areas of our cultural life.Tolltelevision could work a revolution in the economics of the entire entertainment and sports world, as well as in the living rooms of the country. All of us should be interested in this issue, and try to think through our opinions on the wisdom or lack of wisdom of these revolutionary changes that may lie ahead of us.

ON HAPPY MARRIAGES

(Canton, Ohio, Daily Ledger)

Marriage relations experts are increasingly turning their attention to the problem of dissolving marriages in the United States. More and more the conclusion is being reached that each partner must accept the other for what he or she really is.

The really successful marriages are those in which couples learn to live, progress and improve together. This knack of growing, learning, and developing together is the key to a successful marriage, according to marriage experts.

A trend noted in recent years is that of younger averages for marriages, and many of today's experts believe this is a healthy development. Early marriage is a handicap only when the couple concerned is marrying after a short infatuation, against the wishes of their parents and friends, without proper consideration of that step, or for some other reasons.

However, when those most likely to be closely concerned with the marriage are not opposed, and when the couple concerned has given the question srious thought and adequate consideration, marriages among younger people are today not being discouraged.

One can look back upon the exploits of many of history's greatest figures to see that youngsters in the very early age brackets have often transformed the course of history, and achieved results which constantly surprised their elders. However, if the trend is toward marriage at a younger age, it also should be toward intelligent appraisals, which include the individual's backgrounds, emotions, companionship, family relationships, and personalities. The experts are almost unanimous in predicting that the background of an individual is inevitably a source of happiness or unhappiness which will come to the surface, sooner or later, in one's married life.

BACK TO THE COUNTRY

(Winchester Star)

In recent years there has been a steady movement of farm population to the city. The continued farm-to-city migration pulled the country's rural population down 13 per cent between 1950 and 1954.

These figures are released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which lists the farm population as of last April as 21,890,000 compared to 25,058,000 four years earlier. Farm population has been declining at an accelerated pase since 1933.

As a result towns and cities have been forced to extend their limits to accomodate new population, and in many cases are beset by difficult problems. Suburban areas have been extended, and home builders are moving into cornfields and apple orchards.

Availablity of home sites has become an increasing problem. Improved land—that which already is served by necessary utilities—has been all but exhausted in many communities.

The trend to the cities has been reversed, in a manner of speaking back to the country. An estimated 1,500,000 new homes will be built this year. And while only an estimated 13 per cent of the total population is on the farms today, compared to 31 per cent in 1933, many of those who moved to town are living on land that was farmland 20 years ago.

Suburban land has skyrocketed in price throughout the country. Urban population has outgrown its facilities, and must move back to the countryside to find room to build.

'WASTE' OF DOCTORS IN THE ARMED FORCES

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

Another apparent example of the Federal government's waste of both money and human resources is found in a report filed with the Office of Defense Mobilization by the Health Resources Advisory Committee.

The committee reported that the armed forces are using about three times as many doctors as they need in peacetime.

The committee expressed the view that one physician per 1,000 troops "should provide liberal medical service to young men in military service, except under combat conditions." Yet the Navy is using 3.7 doctors per 1,000, the Army 3.3 and the Air Force 3.2. And this despite the fact, that as the report pointed out men of military age generally need less medical attention than any other population group.

The American Medical Association reports that there are 220,000 physicians in the United States, or about one for every 730 persons. Some of these physicians are in public health work and in other activities which do not provide direct medical care for individuals.

The AMA says that the proportion of physicians to inhabitants in the United States is exceeded only by Israel, which has many refugee doctors.

Despite our comparatively good situation as regards medical care, there is still a shortage of physicians in the civilian population. What possible justification is there for the military services' using more doctors than they need?

Lo THE POOR BRITAIN

(The Dallas News)

London sources have tabulated the income tax returns in Britain for the fiscal 1952-53 and report that only 35 Britons had incomes —after taxes—in excess of 6,000 pounds. Six thousand pounds is figured at $16,800.

A Britisher who has an income-before-tax of $140,000 must surrender $123,500 to the crown. In the top brackets over there a man has to earn $280 for every $14 he keeps.

This information is afforded you for your comfort as you now proceed to wrestle with Form 1040.

UNIVERSAL HONKING

(Washington Post)

An omnious trend is developing for those whose chief outdoor sport is automobile horn-honking. Five large cities, London, Paris, Istanbul, Helsinki and Caracas, have largely silenced horn-blowing. Argument is on in New York over a sugestion by two city councilmen that a ban be placed on honking from 10 P. M. to 6 A. M. and that a general effort be made to soft-pedal motorists' tooting.

The right to honk has not yet been seriously challenged in Washington. The city is not so noisy as some, but there is a good deal of needless honking that could be eliminated. Should this be attempted, however, other outlets ought to be provided for those chronically addicted to honking. A remote tooting ground might well be established to which motorists could go and honk as loudly, angrily and continuously as they wished. For it should be recognized that many, if not most people like to make noise. It gives them a sense of power. In fact, the most realistic solution of the honking problem might be to provide horns for everyone so that pedestrians, somnambulists and others disturbed by the tooting din could toot back.

ON THE SOVIET NEWS FRONT

(From The New York Times)

Life in Soviet Russia no doubt has its harsher aspects, but in one respect, and for at least one group —the Soviet journalists—it must be a bed of roses. No initiative to be exericsed; no tough editorial decisions to be made; no need to worry whether this story or that story is more important, and where it should go in the paper. Everything smooth and easy and sailing.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Swifty Gets Slowed Down

Swifty Fisher has a short temper and really hit the roof when he got a parking ticket last week. He wasn't near a hydrant or too far from the curb. There was a big sign saying "ONE HOUR PARKING" and he'd only been gone twenty minutes.

Running to Traffic Court, where Hack Miller was on duty, Swifty hollered how he hadn't done anything wrong... how he is the most law-abiding driver in town.

But Hack examined the ticket, and smiled. "Slow down, friend," he said. "You're not guilty—except of making a big fuss over nothing. *This ticket came from some kid's policeman play outfit!"*

From where I sit, jumping to conclusions can make anyone appear silly. Another way to look foolish is to make a quick decision on a question of personal preference. For instance, I like a glass of beer occasionally. You may be a buttermilk man. But neither of us ought to "lay down the law" about the other's choice.

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Price Trends Are Predicted

This is the way prospects for ginia farm prices looked to the ginia Department of Agriculture Friday. The Department offers it farmers with the warning that one can predict prices and be at all the time.

EGGS—It looks like the egg ket will continue to show ngth for the next two weeks pite a general upward trend in duction that continued through uary.

old weather cut February pro- tion, especially in Northern and tern areas, and was the major or in pushing Virginia prices bout 8 cents a dozen during the three weeks to about 46 cents. probably will take flocks two ks or so to recover from the uction slump. After that, sup- will be moving into the heavy g production.

he average number of layers the nation in January was only r cent above a year ago, al- gh pullets not of laying age down sharply.

avy culling of flocks, appear- o be tapering off as the season prices advanced.

a long range note, farmers February 1 they intend to buy er cent fewer chicks for re- ment this year.

BROILERS—As expected, broil- rices slipped down as an early uary jump in supplies came to et, averaging 23-24 cents for nia.

will be another 10 days before ies get over this hump and down to an anticipated new around March 1.

ces probably will not improve may decline a little for 10 days o weeks, but should improve derably toward the end of the and early in March when es are reduced.

Virginia strong competition production areas further South operate as something of a on local prices to farmers. enerally Virginia prices should the trend.

HOGS—Prices of hogs may be g off, with day to day fluc- g, after long gradual decline. gh heavier supplies offer encouragement, pork is being ted in retail channels, which help stimulate demand.

rease in hog numbers has been lly offset the last few weeks generally lighter marketing , indicating farmers are find- at extra feed for extra does not pay at the present rn ratio.

CATTLE—Confidence seems to returned to the beef business, western feeders and stockers as high as 25 cents a pound ndications of steady to in- g prices until grass, with no anges.

will pay to push cattle with mation to take the feed into nd choice grades, for farm- o have the know-how.

VEAL—Prices for vealers went another $1 last week, making 0 drop in two weeks, which ly means the usual winter s past.

es probably will continue ard through February, with tions, but will still be fairly rough the rest of the month.

TURKEYS—Prices of turkey - fryers moved up about last week, and should firm the present 30 cents until -easter market rise.

supplies of these birds show rease, but many have been f the market for breeding. et in the past four weeks little change.

SHKILLERS SHOWN EFICIAL TO WILDLIFE

n control sprays do not di- harm wildlife if the proper ls are properly applied — ey actually may help en- wildlife through develop- f food and cover, for small

M. Amos, associate plant ist at VPI says this is point- n the first phase of a five- udy underway at Pennsyl- tate University.

TEACHER SUPPLY IN VA.

There are 2,939 students in Virginia's white state-supported and private colleges who are preparing to become teachers. This is 263 more than the figure of 2,676 for the session 1953-54. The elementary enrollment has increased from 873 last year to 941 this year; the high school enrollment has increased from 1,803 last year to 1,998 this year.

And 88.7% of the three upper classes in Longwood College are enrolled in the teaching curricula; 67.4% of all the students in Radford College; 59.5% in Madison College.

Among the private schools the highest percentage of students enrolled in teaching curricula are Bridgewater, 33.4%; Emory and Henry, 24.8%; Lynchburg College 9.3%.

The state-supported schools have 1655 students enrolled in high school curricula as compared with 343 in private schools; while in state-supported schools, 793 are preparing to become elementary teachers as compared with 148 in private schools. Of the 1,998 students preparing to become high school teachers, nearly one-fourth are preparing to become teachers of home economics and commercial subjects.

Of the 1954 Virginia college graduates, 885 entered teaching, and college heads estimate that 927 of the 1955 group will enter teaching. Of the 1953 graudates, 846 entered teaching.

Superintendents estimate that for 1955-56, they will need 3,544 white teachers for replacements and new positions. Since college heads estimate only 927 will enter teaching from 1955 graduating classes, three fourts of the teachers needed must come from elsewhere.

COSTS CAN BE CUT IN BUILDING HOUSES

Building or remodeling a house? Then you'll be interested in these tips on cutting costs from VPI specialists.

First, work up a set of complete plans and specifications. Choose a plan which meets needs, but has no wasted space. Plan so stock size materials can be used. Use stock sizes in doors and windows if possible. Use expansible plans to cut initial costs.

Use good quality materials, but avoid fancy materials. Cut down on size and number of porches, and have a minimum number of hallways of reasonable size. Avoid high ceilings and keep roof slopes low, except in 1½ story houses.

Keep corners, gables, bay windows, etc. to a minimum, and use picture windows only when appropriate. Use as much local or native material as possible. If any room must be left out, let it be the dining room. Fireplaces are luxuries and may be omitted. Basements cost more, but may be justifiable.

Do as much of the work yourself as possible, including painting, finishing floors, insulating walls, and some rough carpentry work.

Don't try to save by making rooms too small, leaving out storage spaces, making foundations too small, supporting brick flues at ceiling, not providing space for bathroom, leaving out insulation making joists too small, using steep winding stairs, using cheap materials, not painting woodwork, or having insufficient light and ventilation.

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GARDENERS ADVISED TO BESTIR THEMSELVES

Spring is not far off—and don't let it slip up on you.

That's the advice to gardeners from Albert S. Beecher, associate horticulturist at VPI. He says that the wise owner will take advantage of the winter months to prepare for spring and summer gardening jobs.

Now is a good time to check all garden equipment and make sure it is ready for the gardening season. Do not wait until the last minute to overhaul the power lawn mower or garden tractor. Sharpen such tools as hoes, shovels, trowels, and pruning equipment.

How about the outdoor garden furniture? Does it need a coat of paint? Or if your yard lacks garden furniture, why not make a picnic table or some garden chairs this winter? Furniture helps to make your outdoor living area more livable.

Paint your garden stakes. Don't wait until next summer. Now is an ideal time to make an inventory of your home grounds to see what needs to be done to complete the landscaping. Decide what trees shrubs and flowers you want to buy for the coming year, and place your order with your nurseryman or seed man early. An early visit to the nursery will give you first choice of the available stock.

Check bulbs in storage. Inspect tubers of dahlias to see if the moisture conditions are right. Sprinkle if too dry. Check bulbs, corms, etc., and cut off portions which show decay and dust with sulphur.

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WHAT ABOUT HYBRIDS FOR LAYERS?

Virginia poultrymen are asking questions these days about the advisability of replacing their laying birds with hybrids.

Poultry specialists at VPI say there is little doubt but that some strains of hybrids will prove more profitable than many of the birds being kept for layers in Virginia. The question each poultry raiser should be concerned with is whether or not the hybrids will make more net profit for him than the better standard production-bred birds.

There is no way for egg producers to know definitely othen than to keep records on egg production on their own farms. The specialists advise buying some hybrid chicks and some chicks from a good standard production-bred strain.

By growing them under the same conditions, and keeping them separate by partitioning the laying house from front to back with poultry netting or other wire.

Some highly advertised hybrid strains that have been tried by Virginia poultrymen have not shown any more profit than the better standard-bred strains. Some of the hybrid flocks have shown higher mortality both during the growing period and in the laying house. This may not be as much the fault of the strain of hybrids as the fact they had not been grown under the conditions of that particular poultryman, so had not developed immunity to the diseases on that farm

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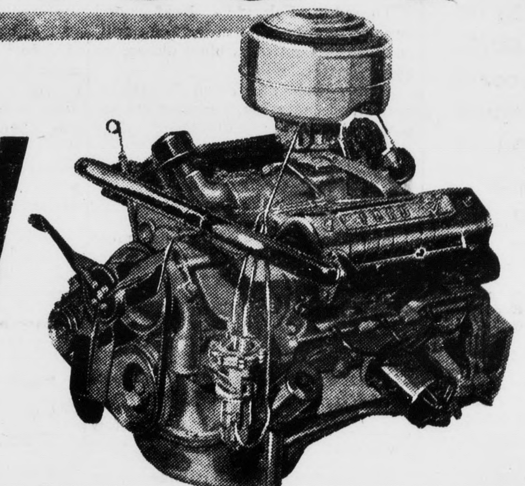

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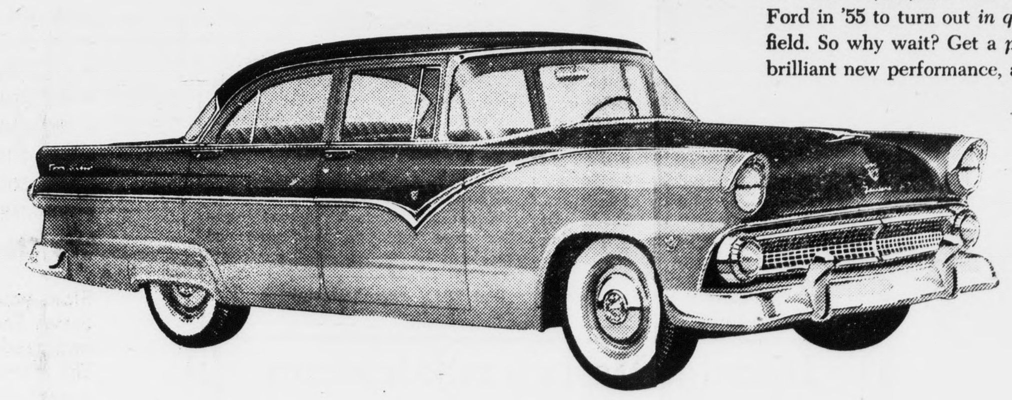

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